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K-RIDE pushes tender for corridor 1 of suburban rail further delaying much awaited mobility boost for Bengaluru

TAKEN FOR A K-RIDE?

41-km KSR Bengaluru-Devanahalli stretch is suburban corridor 1

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The Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE) has decided to push the tender process for the much-awaited corridor 1 of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project to a further date.

While the tender for the 41-km corridor from KSR Bengaluru to Devanahalli was expected to be floated by the end of this month, it will now be out only by June.

"We are currently working on the tender document for corridor 1. The tender was supposed to be floated by the end of April. However, it got delayed as we were focused on corridor 4 work. Since paperwork for corridor 4 was also delayed, this process got delayed naturally," said a senior official of K-RIDE. The official told BM that any work on corridor 3 (35.52-km stretch from Kengeri to Whitefield) would commence only after that.

Hailed as a solution to the city's never-ending traffic woes, the

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"If everything proceeded as per sanctioned letter, six months from now, Bengaluru would have had a suburban train from KSR City Railway Station to the airport...." — Rajkumar Dugar, C4C

Before polls, call to save lakes

'A water sustainable Bengaluru will send a message of an investable and self-reliant city'

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Ahead of the state assembly election, lake associations in Bengaluru requested political parties to focus on the development and protection of lakes and allied water resources. Lake activists in the city put forward a few recommendations to the leaders of political parties for the betterment of Bengaluru's unique waterbodies.

The lake associations stated 12 demands, what they called, are for the larger interest of the scientific development of lakes.

Lake activist Ram Prasad told BM that a water sustainable Bengaluru city will send a message of being an investable and self-reliant city. "We want the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) revamped and the 2012-court order followed. More power needs to be given to KTCDA to clear all encroachments on lakes," he said.

Lake activists want the KTCDA to be strengthened to protect and conserve lakes/tanks in Karnataka by reconstituting the Technical Approval Committee (TAC) with environmental/ecological experts such as geologists, hydrogeologists, limnologists, toxicologists, civil engineers and so on.

The recommendations include developing a single-window clearance process at KTDCA for the development of lakes/tanks. No lake must be developed without a

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Love for Japan

Japan Habba is set as an offline event. This year's get the chance to learn about traditional Japanese culture and language, get involved in some of the fun activities, and interact with video game enthusiasts. **Where: National Science Seminar Complex; When: Sunday, May 14; 9:30 am**

02 Poetry season

If you are a fan of Hindi-Urdu poetry, here's a chance to visit an open-mic programme by Sourav Roy. Anjuman has been organised since 2011 in the city and is well known by poetry lovers. You can also participate for free and the event is open for all. The event also welcomes those who wish to read their work. **Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar When: April 16; 5 pm–7 pm**

03 Golden chance

Grab the opportunity to learn writing from the famous and one of the most loved writers, Ruskin Bond. Celebrate his birthday by watching his unluclass. The class duration is 2 hours 30 minutes and offers 23 lessons.
Where: Online streaming; When: April 15–30

Rights of the child: 'Please don't mislead'

Influencer's social media post on right age for girls to get married sparks outrage; Activists decry violation of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

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It seems all the social media influencers do not do the necessary homework before pasting a message to their Facebook wall. For example, a video pasted by Dr Arathi VB, Adjunct Professor in Humanities, has invited criticism from child rights activists.

Dr Arathi has been alleged to have stated that the right age for girls to get married is between 16 and 20 years of age. Child rights activists have objected to the video of Dr Arathi promoting the idea of girls getting married between 16 to 20 years of age.

Dr Vasudeva Sharma from the Karnataka Child Rights Trust wrote a letter to the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, seeking action against Dr Arathi for conveying a false message to girls that violates the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

Furthermore, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairman K Naganna wrote a letter to the Director of Woman and Child Development to take action against Dr Arathi VB as per the norms.

"It is a complete violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. We have to challenge it. I wrote a letter to the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights seeking a suitable action.

The opinion or message of Dr Arathi may misguide many girls and parents and it will have an adverse impact on girls if they or their parents follow Dr Arathi's message," said Dr Sharma.

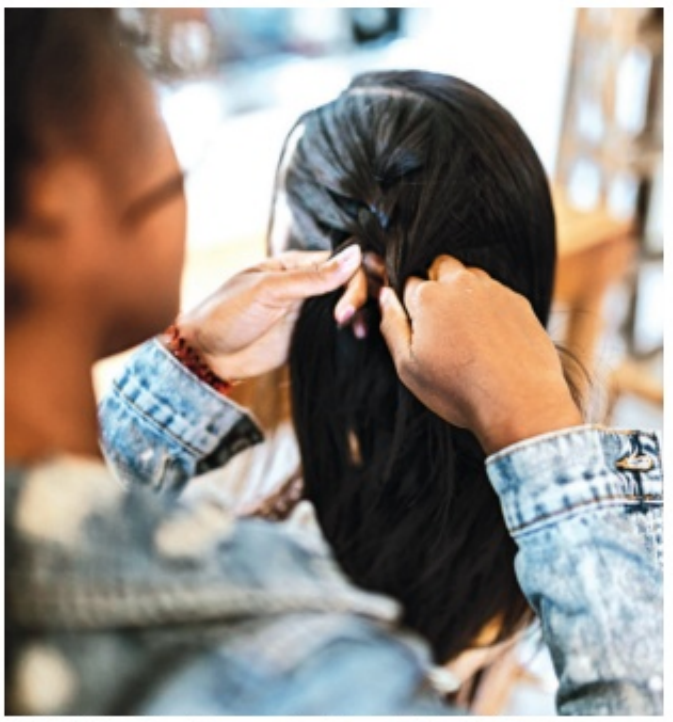
Expressing concern over the message on social media on the marriageable age for girls, Nagasimha G Rao, director of Child Rights Trust, said that it would convey the wrong message to girls and their parents.

"Since Dr Arathi has many followers on social media, this message will have an adverse impact on society. It is a violation of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. I am of the opinion that one has to be careful and responsible before posting a message on social media," he said.

Nagamani CN, Childline Coordinator, stated that Dr Arathi's message violates child rights. She explained that if girls get married as soon as they attain 16 years of age, they would lose their rights and would be burdened with a number of responsibilities.

"It is quite shocking to come across this type of messages even though the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 is being implemented.

Marriage of a girl below 18 years will attract punishment under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 since all the girls below 18 years are considered as children," said Nagamani.



Child rights defenders say that the opinion of the influencer may misguide many girls and parents

> **"Since the influencer has many followers on social media, this message will have an adverse impact on society**
> – Nagasimha G Rao, director of Child Rights Trust

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Tracing the legacy of legendary Raja Ravi Varma

Bengaluru witnessed the unveiling of the first volume of Raja Ravi Varma: An Everlasting Print, a collection of six books, on Wednesday at Mazumdar-Shaw Auditorium. Authored by Ganesh V Shivaswamy, a lawyer and a collector of the chromolithographs from the Press, the volume examines the legacy of India's most influential artist and the contribution of the Ravi Varma Press. The work delves into the rich legacy of the artist within the framework of a swiftly transforming India.

Raja Ravi Varma's creations are reputed to have had a significant influence on the social, religious, and aesthetic beliefs of the people of India and subcontinent. This first volume deals with the life of the great artist and the elements which inspired his paintings.

The event offered an opportunity to the visitors to experience the rich legacy of the artist's work through the illustrated talk, culled from the book and followed by a conversation with Museum of Art and Photography's (MAP) Shilpa Vijayakrishnan.

— BMB

A singular requirement: Mind your language

BMTC advises staff to be respectful while addressing passengers, and answer queries

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The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has issued an advisory to all its employees, especially those who deal with passengers while issuing passes, urging them to address commuters respectfully -- to not use the 'singular' while addressing them.

The advisory states that staff members must speak with great respect with the commuters and public and give a patient hearing to the queries and answer them. Despite work pressure, the advisory stresses the BMTC's first priority is to provide information to the public.

"Our staff is under severe pressure as they need to deal with hundreds of commuters on a daily basis. At times, we get complaints from the public that a section of the staff has not been behaving well. So, we wanted to send a gentle reminder to all our staff members to behave well with the public. After all ours is a service-oriented organisation and we want to ensure that we are polite with our staff," a BMTC official told Bangalore Mirror.

BMTC in its advisory asks its staff to be respectful

Regular BMTC commuters have welcomed the move, hoping it will improve the behaviour of staff members.

Suresh K, a college student, said, "Though most of the staff members are courteous, we come across a few staff members who try to speak rashly with us. Many times, I have seen people having a tiff with officials. I hope the circular is followed in letter and spirit so that it is easier for the public to deal with the staff and the staff will also earn laurels for the company."

Further, Raghu Nandan, another commuter, said, "While conversing in Kannada, we ensure that we give due respect to the other person by speaking in plural. However, many times, a few of the staff members try to shoo us away by speaking in singular. I have seen many people, especially senior citizens, questioning how they have been addressed in singular without considering their age. I hope the circular is very appropriate and timely and hope this will bring gentle behaviour among all the staff members."

While the advisory has been welcomed by BMTC staff members, some have suggested that the public should also behave responsibly.

A staff member said, "It is true that we need to give respect and speak to the public in a polite way. This should apply to the public also. Many times, the public also speaks to us very rashly, and this infuriates us. If the public also speaks to us calmly and doesn't overstep, it helps us to maintain composure."

The officials acknowledge that dealing with irate commuters can be stressful for their staff members. The BMTC hopes that by advising their employees to address commuters in plural, they can improve customer service and create a more respectful and polite atmosphere.

Cop suspended for alleged harassment

A Bengaluru police sub-inspector was suspended after a woman claimed that she was harassed by the officer. According to the police, an FIR has been filed against Manjunathaswamy BC, of the Suddaguntepalya Police Station.

According to CK Baba, Bengaluru South-East's Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), the woman complained in writing on Tuesday night. The accused has been charged with violating IPC Sections 354A (penalty for sexual harassment) and 354D (stalking). -BMB

Job promise was con job?

The Banashankari police have arrested two people, including the CEO of a job providing app on the charge of job fraud.

A woman named Nayana had filed a complaint against the CEO and his team that they had cheated them on the pretext of given jobs. Based on this, a case was registered in Banashankari Police Station. As of now, a total of 21 people have complained against this person. Earlier, he had approached the court in connection with the case registered against him and was granted interim anticipatory bail. -BMB

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Stench is unbearable, treat this as an SOS!

Banashankari waste processing unit's stench enters closed windows as well

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BBMP's wet waste processing unit located in the Banashankari area; According to the locals, the area MLA, on his recent visit, had informed them that no fresh load of garbage will be unloaded at the unit

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) wet waste processing unit located in the Banashankari area is drawing flak from residents yet again. Citizens living in the surrounding areas say they woke up to a nauseating stench from the unit on Tuesday morning – it was stronger than ever. While the foul smell is always lingering, the stench on Tuesday morning was unbearable, they say.

"We woke up at 3:40 am on Tuesday due to the foul smell from the unit. We live in Banashankari 4th stage and the plant is located in the 5th stage. We immediately closed all the windows and switched on the air conditioner in our room. However, the smell enters our houses even if we keep the windows closed," said Arvind, a resident.

Residents say that the intensity, frequency, and duration of the stench have been increasing day by day.

"The situation is so bad; it now feels inhuman that residents are being subjected to such unhygienic conditions. Even a whiff of it makes a shiver run down your spine. As a citizen of this country, it is my fundamental right to breathe fresh air but I am devoid of it. This waste processing unit has been established after violating all the rules and has created a nuisance," Srinivas Venkatesh, another resident, told Bangalore Mirror.

According to the locals, the area MLA, on his recent visit, had informed them that no fresh load of garbage will be unloaded at the unit. Residents were also told that any new stench, in most likelihood, will be because of the old garbage piles, which will be cleared soon.

> **"Even if no new garbage load is coming, the unit has a lot of old garbage piles. The number of houseflies, mosquitoes has gone up too**
> – Rashmi Deshpande, resident

However, citizens say that these are electoral promises, never to be fulfilled.

"While the MLA promised us that no fresh garbage load is coming, we cannot be watching them around the clock. Even if no new garbage load is coming, the unit has a lot of old garbage piles. While the MLA is in this area for multiple election-related events, he has only been making false promises. The bottom line is that the stench is increasing every day and with that, the number of houseflies and mosquitoes has gone up too," said Rashmi Deshpande, a resident of 5th block, Banashankari.

Locals say while they understand that waste disposal has to be done in public interest, it should not be at the cost of one section of society.

For your kind info: Suburban running late

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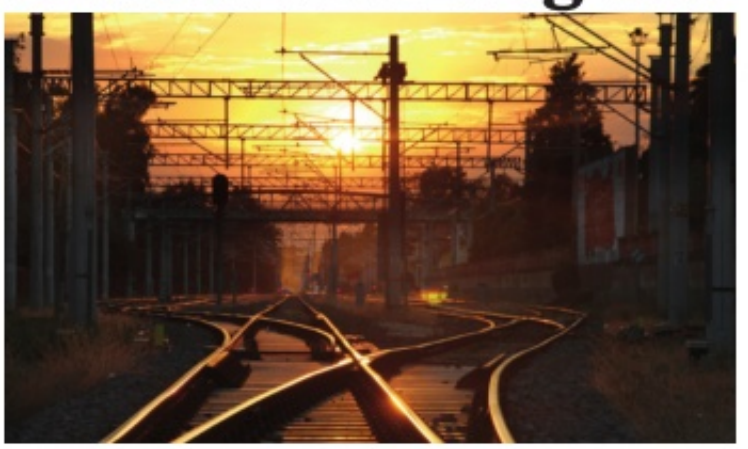
project has been progressing at a snail's pace so far. However, officials said recruitment of nearly 30 staff at various posts is on the cards to speed up the work.

"While the project is of utmost priority, we are marred by limited financial resources and manpower. We have completed the tender process for two corridors; work on the tender for the third corridor is underway. We will be recruiting around 30 people for several posts by the end of this month to ensure the project is on track," said the official.

However, rail activists in the city say the slow pace of the project even after the completion of 72 months of the sanctioned time by the Centre is worrisome. The Union government, in October 2020, cleared the project at a sanctioned cost of Rs 15,767 crore. Under this project, four corridors are envisioned to be constructed with a total length of 148 km.

Nonetheless, not much moved on the ground until June 2022 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation and promised that the project would be completed in 40 months (October 2025). Since then the civil works on corridor 2 (connecting Baiyyapanahalli-Chikkabanavara) of the project have commenced and a tender for the design and construction of corridor 4 (Heelalige to Rajankunte) has been awarded.

"Out of 72 months given for completion of all four corridors as per the sanction letter by the union government), 30 months are over and out of the new deadline of 40 months publicly committed by the PM, 10 months are over. The pace of the project so far does not give any confidence that either of the two deadlines will be met. If everything would have proceeded as per the sanctioned letter, six months from now, Bengaluru would have had a suburban train from KSR City Railway Station to the airport. This would have brought massive respite to the citizens," said



Rajkumar Dugar, founder, Citizens 4 Citizens, and a rail activist furthering the cause of public transport.

K-RIDE officials said any clarity on the final deadline of the project completion can be given only after a couple of months.

"As of now, we are sticking to the new deadline declared by the PM. We plan to commission all four corridors by October 2025. However, if we end up facing shortlisted firms for the procurement, we will be participating in the request for proposal on April 17 and that meeting will give us an idea if our model is successful. So far in India, coach procurement through PPP mode has not been successful. If we fail, we will have to go for another model," the official said.

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Move the trash
Kadugodi

The area behind Sathya Sai Baba Ashram, Kadugodi has not been cleared of garbage; the open drain channels could lead to flooding.

Building block
Jayanagar

The pavement at the corner of 11th Main and 38th Cross in Jayanagar has been blocked by a building under construction for 6 months.

Neglected area
Domlur

Proper garbage disposal and street lights are needed at 1st B Cross in Domlur Layout.

Living your best life with Parkinson's

Doctors explain how Deep Brain Stimulation surgery can improve quality of life for patients

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In a special conversation with Bangalore Mirror, a group of doctors from Manipal Hospitals discussed Parkinson's disease and explained how Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery can improve the quality of life for patients. The panel consisted of Dr. Raghuram, a Consultant Neurosurgeon from Manipal Hospital Yeshwanthpur, Dr. Kiran Khanapure, a Neurosurgeon from Manipal Hospital Millers Road, and Dr. Sathwik Shetty, a Neurosurgeon from Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road.

Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka had organised an interaction with experts from Manipal Hospitals on the eve of Parkinson's Day; From right: Dr Sathwik Shetty, Dr Kiran Khanapure and Dr Raghuram clarified many issues about the neurogenerative disorder

Can you provide information on Parkinson's Disease?

Dr. Raghuram explains, "Parkinson's Disease is caused by a disruption in the production of a neurochemical substance, dopamine, in the brain. In Parkinson's, a specific area in the brain responsible for dopamine production degenerates, resulting in insufficient levels of dopamine. This neurotransmitter plays a crucial role in generating electrical currents in the brain, which are responsible for all movement and speech. The neurons communicate with the brain to move limbs and articulate speech. When dopamine levels decrease in Parkinson's disease, the electrical circuitry in the brain becomes abnormal, leading to the symptoms of PD."

What are the early signs and age groups affected by Parkinson's Disease?

Dr. Kiran Khanapure explains that Parkinson's Disease is typically characterized by tremors, stiffness, and difficulty with movement and coordination. Other symptoms include Bradykinesia, slowness of movement, and rigidness. Patients may also experience fatigue and a lack of activity. In terms of age group, Parkinson's Disease most commonly affects the elderly population over the age of 60. However, there is also a young onset of Parkinson's that can occur within 35-40 years of age due to genetic predisposition. Despite this, elderly age group is still the most commonly affected by the disease.

What are the potential causes of Parkinson's Disease?

Dr Sathwik Shetty: "At this point, there is no single identifiable cause of Parkinson's Disease. It is generally considered a disease of old age or neurodegeneration. There have been studies that suggest exposure to pesticides and herbicides as well as environmental factors such as air pollution may play a role. Another theory is that neuro inflammation could also contribute to the development of the disease. Currently, research is being conducted on the use of immunomodulators and antibody therapies to slow the progression of the disease. However, we cannot definitively attribute Parkinson's disease to one specific cause. Studies have also found that individuals who are physically active and consume caffeine have a lower risk of developing the disease."

What are the different types of Parkinson's disease and their causes?

Dr Raghuram: "The primary type of Parkinson's disease is idiopathic Parkinson's, which means we do not know the exact cause of the disease. However, there is also a secondary parkinsonism syndrome, where the disease has an identifiable cause and in some cases, it does not present with the classical symptoms of Parkinson's. The secondary causes of Parkinson's can be related to drugs, such as antacids combined with medications that improve gut motility or antidepressants. Parkinson's cannot be diagnosed through blood tests or scans, but through clinical evaluation. Initially, dopamine replacement therapy was the first-line treatment, which involves giving pure dopamine or dopamine analogues to compensate for the deficiency of dopamine in the brain."

At what stage is surgery considered as a treatment option for Parkinson's disease?

Dr. Raghuram explains, "Surgery becomes a viable option for Parkinson's patients when they begin experiencing side effects or are no longer able to tolerate medication for an extended period of time. As the disease progresses, patients require higher doses of medication, which can cause side effects such as abnormal movements of the hands and neck called dyskinesia. In such cases, surgery may be necessary to provide relief. Additionally, some patients may experience a reduction in the effectiveness of medication even while taking it, and surgery may be recommended in such cases as well."

How does Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery alleviate symptoms in Parkinson's patients?

According to **Dr Kirankhanapure**, DBS surgery helps alleviate symptoms by implanting electrodes in specific areas of the brain. These electrodes are connected to a neurostimulator device that is implanted under the skin of the chest. The neurostimulator sends electrical impulses to the brain, which can help alleviate symptoms such as tremors, stiffness, and slowness of movement. The electrical impulses can also help to reduce the need for medication and improve the patient's quality of life. However, DBS surgery is not a cure for Parkinson's disease and may not work for all patients. It is important to consult with a neurologist or neurosurgeon to determine if DBS surgery is a suitable treatment option.

Can you describe the success rate of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery for Parkinson's patients?

According to **Dr. Raghuram**, the success rate for DBS is almost 100%, but every surgery comes with some level of risk such as bleeding or infection. The success rate also depends on careful patient selection. In his experience, on average, medication usage post-surgery has been reduced by 50%, and in some cases, tremors have completely stopped.

What are the different therapies available for Parkinson's disease?

Dr Kirankhanapure, "Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) is the first choice of therapy for Parkinson's disease. Another option is apomorphine, which is like an insulin pump that constantly injects medication. However, it has device maintenance issues and requires frequent pump refilling. Lesioning is also an option, where a targeted area of the brain is selectively destroyed to settle hyperfiring neurons. This is a one-time effort, but it has a slower success rate and is an irreversible process with permanent risks. There are technical challenges to offering it to everyone, unlike DBS."

What are some ways that family members can support patients with Parkinson's?

Dr Sathwik Shetty: "Family members can support patients by ensuring that they attend hospital and clinic appointments for treatment, assisting with their dietary requirements, and encouraging physical activity to slow down the progression of the disease. They should also ensure that medication is taken on time and provide support with hygiene and healthcare needs. Additionally, family members should offer emotional support, as many patients with Parkinson's become withdrawn and may not want to go out. It is important to motivate them and push them to lead a normal life, despite the challenges posed by the disease."

How has Parkinson's disease treatment evolved over the years?

Dr Kirankhanapure: "There has been a drastic change in Parkinson's disease treatment. We now have rechargeable batteries that can be used for up to 25 years. Earlier, batteries would last only for 3-5 years. Another significant advancement is in the placement of electrodes in specific areas of the brain. Earlier, stimulation to these areas could lead to side effects in other areas. Now, with advancements in technology, we can focus stimulation on only one area, reducing side effects. Furthermore, research is now focusing on closed loop stimulation, where the electrode will sense the current where the brain is behaving normally and automatically send signals to the pacemaker. This is a significant advancement in Parkinson's disease treatment and is currently under research."

Can stem cells be used to treat Parkinson's disease effectively and safely?

Dr Raghuram: "Currently, there is no scientific evidence to suggest that stem cells can cure Parkinson's disease. While studies are ongoing, it is too early to determine if stem cells can be effective in treating Parkinson's. It is important for patients to seek scientifically valid and reliable treatments and consult with qualified professionals for advice."

EC turns to tech turnout

Officials are meeting technology industry leaders to encourage their employees to vote

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Election commission of India celebrated 13th National Voters Day and awarded officials

The Election Commission (EC) is working to leverage technology companies to increase voter turnout. Officials are meeting with leaders in the technology industry to encourage their employees to vote in upcoming elections. Tushar Giri Nath, Chief Commissioner of BBMP, confirmed that the agency has already met with numerous Resident Welfare Associations to encourage their members to vote. However, Nath also noted that (RWAs) the IT and BT sectors, which have a significant workforce and have demonstrated apathy towards voting, represent a problem area. As a result, the EC is focusing on these sectors to encourage their employees to vote.

Nath further added that the EC plans to meet with CEOs and other top executives from tech companies to discuss ways to increase voter turnout. The agency also intends to hold talks with leaders from the manufacturing and industrial sectors to encourage their employees to vote. By collaborating with technology companies, the EC hopes to increase voter participation in the upcoming elections. On Wednesday, the EC organised a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral participation (SVEEP) campaign along with the members of the ORRCA. Speaking on the occasion, District Election Officer Nath said, "This time, we have more young voters in Bengaluru. I request the CEOs to take up the initiative of encouraging their employees to come out and vote. It is necessary to increase the voter percentage."

Survey to identify PWD/ super senior voters

The EC is conducting surveys to identify persons with disabilities (PWDs) and super senior citizens (80+ years) who can exercise their right to vote conveniently during the upcoming elections. An official said that surveys are being conducted at residences where physically disabled or super senior citizens reside. Once the survey work is completed, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will distribute 12D forms to these voters. The 12D forms allow them to either visit their respective polling booth for voting or vote from home using postal ballots.

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> – Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP chief/district election officer

Nath has requested that these voters come to the polling booths for voting, but if they are unable to, they can vote via postal ballots. The BBMP is also working with RWAs to promote voting. Nath stated that the BBMP has discussed measures that RWAs need to take to promote voting, including informing residents about the location of their polling booth and the facilities available. This is being done to avoid confusion and ensure that people come out to vote in large numbers. Nath also encouraged people to report any corrupt practices during electioneering and provided information about the CVigil app, which allows users to anonymously report complaints by taking photos and uploading them.

Trouble in paradise?

Ruling BJP faces rebellion as Congress prepares to poach disgruntled leaders

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai (left) and former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa

Karnataka BJP is currently facing rebellion from senior leaders who have not been given tickets to contest the assembly polls. The Congress party is reportedly ready to poach disgruntled leaders from the BJP. Former Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi has announced his intention to resign, and former CM Jagadish Shettar has stated that he will contest the election regardless of the situation. These moves are expected to harm the party's standing in north and Kittur Karnataka regions, as both leaders hail from the Lingayat community and have been with the BJP party for decades.

Meanwhile, the Congress party is allegedly attempting to poach sitting BJP MLAs who have not been given tickets. The party has already contacted Savadi and is said to be in touch with other senior leaders. Despite these developments, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai remains hopeful that both leaders will remain in the party and has spoken with Savadi about not making any hasty decisions. Bommai has expressed confidence in Savadi's future with the BJP, stating that the party has never abandoned him and that the decision to deny him a ticket was made to honour a commitment made in 2019. Shettar, who was denied a ticket from the Hubballi-Dharwad constituency, is visiting New Delhi, and the CM has stated that the high command will speak with him to resolve the situation.

Udupi MLA Raghupati Bhat, who has been denied a ticket by the BJP to contest in the Assembly elections, expressed his disappointment on Wednesday. He said he was deeply pained by the way the party had treated him. Speaking to reporters at his residence in Udupi, Bhat broke into tears while expressing his thoughts. Bhat stated that he was not sad over the party's decision but was hurt by the way he was treated. He said that not even the district unit president of the party had called him to inform about the decision, and he had to learn about it through television channels.

On Wednesday, Minister and six-time MLA S Angara from Sullia constituency in Dakshina Kannada district announced his retirement from politics after being denied a ticket by the BJP for the upcoming Karnataka assembly election on May 10. Angara expressed his disappointment and frustration at the way the party treated him despite his dedication to the party for several years.

The ruling BJP in Karnataka has fielded senior leaders against Congress heavyweights Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, raising the stakes for the upcoming May 10 Assembly elections. The BJP has pitted V Somanna against Siddaramaiah in the Varuna constituency, while R Ashoka will contest against Shivakumar in Kanakapura. The move seems to be aimed at limiting the campaigning and strategising of both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar in other constituencies to ensure the Congress's victory in a majority of segments.

Additionally, on Wednesday, Rajanandini, the daughter of veteran Congress leader and former Speaker Kagodu Thimmappa, joined the BJP ahead of the upcoming Karnataka assembly polls. The move is being seen as a significant boost for the BJP, as Thimmappa is a prominent Congress leader with a significant following in the state.

CT Ravi backs 'double engine'

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary, CT Ravi, emphasised the need for the BJP to be voted back into power in the state for overall development of infrastructure and welfare of farmers and weaker sections.

During a 'Meet the Press' program organised by the Bengaluru Reporters' Guild and Press Club of Bengaluru, Ravi interacted with media persons and stated that having the same party in power at the Centre and in the State would help for the overall development of the state. "It would not be possible to have the national highway between Bengaluru and Mysuru if different parties were in power in the state and at the Centre. Because of the double engine government (same party in power in the state and at the Centre), Bengaluru has become a destination for Foreign Director Investment (FDI). Because of the double engine government, the state has medical colleges in Chikkaballapur and Chikmagalur, the extension of Namma Metro in Bengaluru, and the development of seven cities in Karnataka under the Smart City Project," he said.

He claimed that lakhs of farmers benefited under the Prime Minister Kisan Scheme. "Congress government and the coalition government (Congress and JD-S) did not implement the PM Kisan Scheme to avoid Prime Minister Narendra Modi getting credit for the scheme. Now, more than 50 lakh farmers have benefited under the PM Kisan Scheme," he said.

He added that the BJP government in the state has facilitated piped water supply to over 60 lakh houses under the Jal Jeevan Mission project. "Congress and JD(S) governments in Karnataka did not bother to implement the Jal Jeevan Mission project in the state when they were in power," he said.

Regarding the denial of tickets for veterans and some sitting MLAs to contest in the forthcoming Assembly elections, he said that discussions were held at different levels to get feedback on the ticket aspirants for the Assembly election. "Discussions were held at the booth level, district level, and state level and finally between the state committee and the Central committee. Based on the outcome of those discussions and feedback, candidates were selected to contest in the State Assembly polls," he said.

On allowing R Ashok and V Somanna to contest from two constituencies each, he said the outcome of Varuna and Kanakapura Assembly constituencies would be a big surprise for the people of the state and a shock for the opponents. "The BJP high command directed Ashok and Somanna to contest from two constituencies each because they are capable of defeating their opponents," he said.

29 of current 30 CMs are crorepatis: ADR analysis

Twenty-nine of the 30 incumbent chief ministers are crorepatis with Andhra Pradesh's Jagan Mohan Reddy having the highest assets totalling Rs 510 crore, according to poll affidavits analysed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has the lowest total assets of about Rs 15 lakh, the ADR said.

The ADR and Election Watch (NEW) said they have arrived at this conclusion after analysing the self-sworn poll affidavits of all the 30 current chief ministers of states and union territories.

There are 28 state chief ministers and two union territories -- Delhi and Puducherry -- also have chief ministers. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir does not have a chief minister currently.

Out of the 30 CMs analysed, 29 (97 per cent) are crorepatis with the average assets being Rs 33.96 crore for every CM, the ADR said.

According to the ADR report, out of the 30 CMs, 13 (43 per cent) have declared serious criminal cases including those related to murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping and criminal intimidation.

Serious criminal cases are non-bailable offences with over five years of imprisonment, the report said.

Top of the ladder

The top three chief ministers in terms of assets are Andhra Pradesh's Jagan Mohan Reddy (over Rs 510 crore), Arunanchal Pradesh's Pema Khandu (over Rs 163 crore) and Odisha's Naveen Pattnaik (over Rs 63 crore), according to the analysis by the organisation.

According to the report, of the 30 CMs, 13 have declared serious criminal cases including those related to murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping and intimidation

...And in the bottom rung

The three CMs with the lowest declared assets are – West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee (over Rs 15 lakh), Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan (over Rs 1 crore) and Haryana's Manohar Lal (over Rs 1 crore), the ADR said.

Both Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Delhi's Arvind Kejriwal own assets worth over Rs 3 crore, the report said. – PTI

'Blocking should be of info, not of author'

Twitter argues in HC that its petition challenging various take downs is maintainable

Social media company Twitter is challenging the takedown orders of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in the High Court

The Social media company Twitter on Wednesday informed the High Court of Karnataka that its petition challenging the various takedown orders of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) was maintainable, as the concept of reasonableness in Article 19 of the Constitution of India pertaining to Freedom of Speech was applicable to it.

Advocate Manu Kulkarni, appearing for Twitter, submitted to the single-judge bench of Justice Krishna S Dixit that the Supreme Court in the 'Shreya Singhal case' had interpreted that Section 69A of the Information Technology Act incorporated Article 19 of the Constitution.

"I have my office in Bengaluru and services are provided in India, so I am carrying on business in India," he argued.

The high court on Monday asked the Central government and Twitter to clarify the issue of how Indian entities would be treated in the US and foreign jurisdictions on such issues. On Wednesday Twitter informed the high court that under Article 3 of the Constitution of the US, foreign nationals had the Constitutional Right to access courts in the United States. The Court pointed out that a similar provision was absent in the Indian Constitution. Kulkarni said Sections 83 to 87 of the Code of Civil Procedure were similar to Article 3 of the US Constitution.

Twitter's counsel said the statement of objections by the government was inconsistent in matters related to takedowns, and a framework of guidelines may be needed. He argued that Section 69A of the IT Act was being used to block accounts which amounted to blocking content that had not even been published.

"The blocking should be of information that has already taken shape and not the one which is yet to come. The blocking is of the information and not the very author from whom the information is generated," he argued.

The court observed: "Law is not just language, it is something more. It may amount to saying every dog will have one bite, before we term it a mad dog. But it will be very costly to the country. Suppose a person continuously tweets say 20 tweets, all venomous, then there is reason to assume that the 21st tweet will also be venomous. In such a way, we say it is better to block the account."

The court observed that it was for the court to judge whether this was the intent when Section 69A was drafted by the Parliament. The hearing was adjourned to April 17. – PTI

Strengthen KTCDA: Lake activists

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Detailed Project Report (DPR) that is duly approved by the TAC, irrespective of size and custodianship of the lake, and placed in the public domain, it is suggested. Furthermore, in the DPR of lakes, environmental and ecological aspects must be given priority, including rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharging, and flood mitigation."

"District and state-level lake committees must be constituted as per the orders of the honourable High Court of Karnataka and the 2012 orders of the High Court of Karnataka based on Justice NK Patil report must be implemented; a survey must be conducted at all waterbodies and their inlets and outlets irrespective of size and steps must be taken to protect and rejuvenate them along with their buffer zones," the activists noted.

Authentic reports published by the Koliwada Committee, EMPRI and NEERI should be tabled in the assembly and a resolution shall be passed to take time-bound actions with a specific budget allocated for these actions, they stated.

Moreover, "roads and bridges should not be built inside or in the buffer zones of lakes/tanks and steps must be adopted to prevent incidents like the Ramanagara flooding of the Bengaluru-Mysore highway to save lives and property."

According to lake activists, a zero-tolerance policy should be initiated towards encroachments and illegal rejuvenation of waterbodies/lakes/tanks, irrespective of their size: "Policy/laws for citizen (stakeholders) participation must be formed under participatory governance as per constitutional amendments 73 and 74 passed by the parliament."

In addition, "during the filling up of lakes with treated water from Sewage Treatment Plants, real-time continuous monitoring of water quality must be made mandatory and encouraged.

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WHAT A MATCH

72% of Bengalureans surveyed think that cricket matches make for great dates

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As the cricket season kicks off and various cricket leagues capture the attention of Gen Z and Millennials, a recent study sheds light on the impact of cricket on romantic relationships. According to a study conducted by online dating application, Bumble, 72 per cent of Bengalureans surveyed think that cricket matches make for great dates. They say that they actively look for a romantic partner with an interest in sports before deciding whether to explore a connection with them.

Samarpita Samaddar, India Communications Director, Bumble, said that cricket dates are super popular in India and shared love for sports seem crucial in choosing a partner.

"We want to empower people to showcase and discuss things that are important to them. Our Interest Badges are a quick way to let people know what's most important to you. By adding the 'Cricket' Interest Badge you can highlight your preferences including sports that you enjoy watching, music that you listen to or how you like to spend your time when going out," she explained.

Mini-dictionary of cricket-dating terms

Helicopter shot (noun)
The big move you make when you realise they are the one for you.

All-rounder (noun)
Someone who meets your expectations.

Clean bowled (noun)
When you realise you have fallen in love.

4. Hitting a boundary (noun)
In your dating journey, avoid the rush. Set clear boundaries for yourself for a healthy and equitable relationship.

SOURCE: BUMBLE

Further, the study said that 75 per cent of citizens surveyed believe that cricket match dates helps them learn about someone's interest and passion in cricket and 66 per cent believe that they get to know someone's personality (how someone reacts to a win or a loss, etc.) There are also many people who claim that it's a deal breaker if someone they are romantically interested in didn't like cricket.

"My partner and I both love cricket. So, we have made a pact to watch our favourite matches together and even if we can't for some reason, we at least make it a point to discuss it. In fact, watching cricket together is our idea of a perfect date. All our friends know us as the 'cricket-crazy' couple. We're typically cheering on our local favourites, but when it comes to India versus any other country, we're both on one team, rooting for India," said Deepti, who met her partner Kishan on the dating app.

According to the app's internal data, cricket is one of the top 5 displayed Sports Interest Badges on Bumble date profiles in India in the month of February. However, 51 per cent Bengalureans have been in a dating situation where one partner liked cricket and the other didn't, the one who didn't like cricket compromised and they watched it together, while 43 per cent of citizens surveyed said that they spent lots of time apart.

> **"Mansplaining in sports reflects on everyday sexism and gender biases and is often overlooked. It's a harmful trait for relationships**

"While we do have quite a few common interests, there's no denying our passion for the sport brings us closer. It is really nice to have someone who shares the same interest or passion as you, especially during this cricket season; we are very excited to watch all the upcoming matches together. I feel like cricket fans should definitely watch a match together to see how the other reacts to the lows and highs," she added.

The new study also revealed that the majority (90 per cent) of Bengalureans surveyed claim they are excited to watch Indian women's cricket in 2023.

Cricket being a male-dominated sport in the country, women often feel undervalued in terms of their knowledge in sports. Unfortunately, 69 per cent of women admitted finding themselves being mansplained during social conversations.

"Mansplaining in sports reflects on everyday sexism and gender biases and is often overlooked. No matter the intention behind it, it is harmful. While you enjoy the matches, don't offer to explain any rule or strategy unless asked. If you're asked then explain briefly, free of stereotypes and jibes. It's important to set clear boundaries to forge healthy and equitable relationships," added Samaddar.

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I recently discovered that my husband has been having an affair for the past year with a woman at work. We have a 15-month-old baby, so the affair has been going on almost since he was born. I found out what had been going on when I charged my husband's old phone to use it. I confronted him and was furious at first, but now I just feel so hurt. We've had many heart-to hearts about how we move on from this, but just seem to be going round in circles. Despite everything, I do love him, so I'd like to think we can work through it, but I don't know what will make me stop hurting...

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I can feel how hurt you are. What did he think having a baby would involve? When you become parents, you can't expect your lives to be the same as they were before and you can't just opt out.

But it seems that's exactly what he did – he checked out when the going got tough. Getting over an affair is hard. You can try and you can have relationship counselling, but you still might not be able to do it. On the other hand, it can be a huge wake-up call that makes you both realise what's important. It also takes a lot of talking and complete honesty and transparency moving forward. So, the question is, do you want to try? And, if you do, tell him what you need from him. I think it would help to confide in someone. —**Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror**

MIRRORLIGHTS

Sugar molecule can help predict Alzheimer's

A sugar molecule in blood can be used to develop a simple screening procedure which is able to predict the onset of Alzheimer's disease 10 years in advance, a study has found.

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"We demonstrate in our study that blood levels of glycans are altered early during the development of the disease," said Robin Zhou, from Karolinska Institutet.

"This could mean that we'll be able to predict the risk of Alzheimer's disease with only a blood test and a memory test," said Zhou, first author of the study published in the journal Alzheimer's & Dementia.

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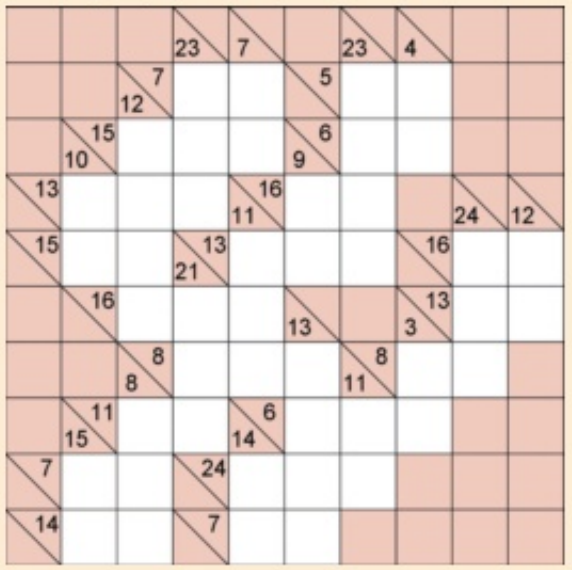
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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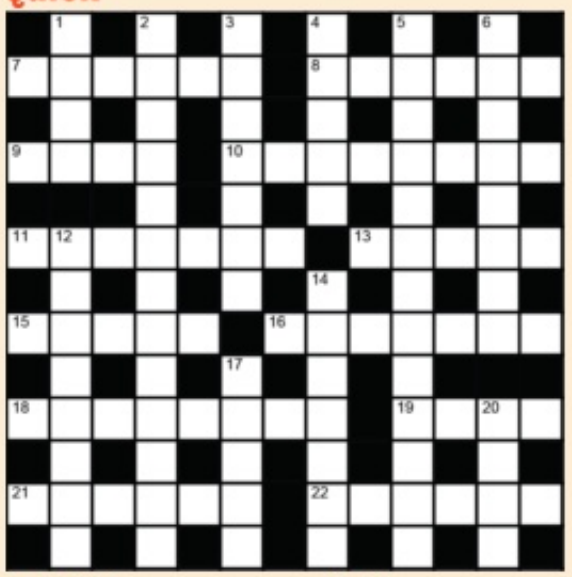


ACROSS

7 Purchasing (6)
8 Hot and emotional (6)
9 By far (4)
10 It may rub you the wrong way? (8)
11 Applauded (7)
13 Look attentively (5)
15 Offensiveness (5)
16 Coarser (7)
18 Do business (8)
19 Work-shy (4)
21 Shuts; finishes (6)
22 Contributing (6)

DOWN

1 Eastern teacher (4)
2 Probity (13)
3 Sets fire to (7)
4 Tale (5)
5 Peter Sellers flick (2,11)
6 Zenith (8)
12 Tipu Sultan's father (5,3)
14 Small house (7)
17 Analyse a sentence (5)
20 A metal (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS N

LBDKH TKBINXLIKW JAIKB MQHHNKU IJFLHWU AJHDNT-KBKUU; LBDKH SJBSKLXKW JAIKB MLHWKBU NBIJ HKTK-BDK.

Linemaro

I love the way you make a chapati

Mindchow

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book

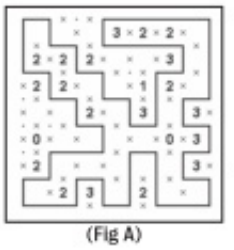
Joke of the day

Every morning is the dawn of a new error

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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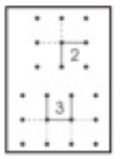
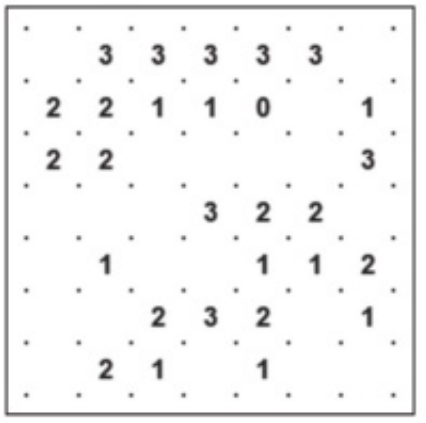


(Fig B) Not Allowed

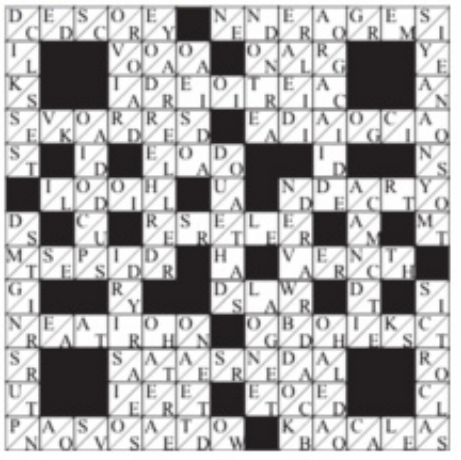
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



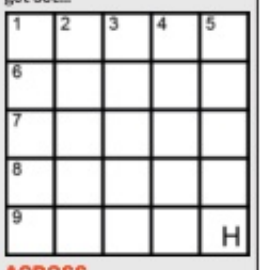
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set....



ACROSS

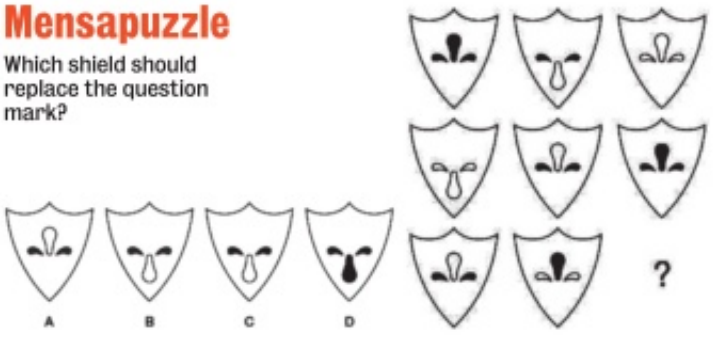
1 Papal; 6 Hires;
7 Can go; 8 Toots;
9 To Hot

DOWN

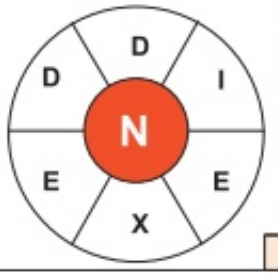
1 Tacos; 2 To hop;
3 To Pin; 4 Gator;
5 Hales

Mensapuzzle

Which shield should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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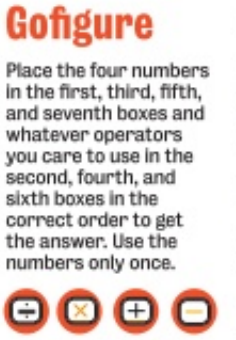
			6		8			
3		5		7		9		6
			9		4			
4		7		5		8		2
			5		7			
	4	1				2	5	
7		2				3		8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 14
4 4 6 8

Medium = 29
1 3 4 8

Hard = 30
2 3 6 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

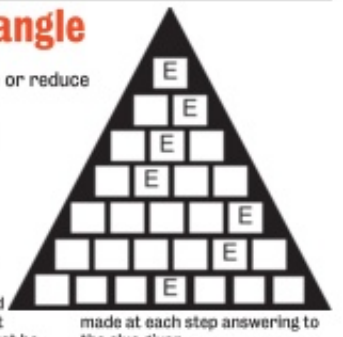
Differences: 1. Belt is higher. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Mitten is missing. 4. Pocket is higher. 5. Wire is lower. 6. Bush is missing.

Riddler

My prison admits visitors Who come and aren't ashamed. I'm innocent of any crime, So I should not be blamed. My prints could be found here and there, At least that's what was claimed. I've done no wrong, still I'll be hung; For truly I've been framed. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Prefix for remove or reduce
3 Colour of danger
4 Beloved
5 Arrange in folds
6 Showed mercy
7 Jelly and jam



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

1-24
DON'T BE IN A RUSH TO GET MARRIED, TAWNEE
LOOK AT YOUR MOTHER... SHE WAITED A WHILE
I THINK I KNOW WHY YOU DO SO CRUMMY AT THE TREATY TALKS

Bizarrotrip

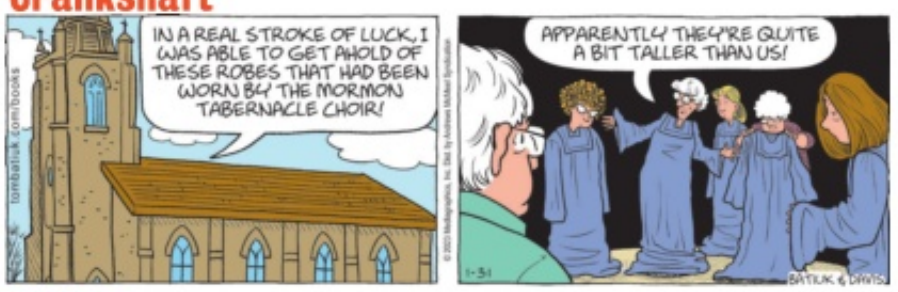
Diamond Lil

And now, a message from the National Council on Corncob Holders:
STICK IT IN YOUR EAR
This has been a message from the National Council on Corncob Holders.

Hart of the city

WHADDYA THINK?
IT'S PERFECT! IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE SHOW.
HAVING A FRIEND WHO CAN SEW IS PRETTY NICE!
AS A VALUED CUSTOMER, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY THE FIRST ONE IS FREE.
MESSAGE RECEIVED.

Crankshaft


IN A REAL STROKE OF LUCK, I WAS ABLE TO GET AHOLD OF THESE ROBES THAT HAD BEEN WORN BY THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR!
APPARENTLY THEY'RE QUITE A BIT TALLER THAN US!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy and become impatient, making it difficult to perform your tasks and fulfill your desires. You may even want to detach from your responsibilities, and completing any task may be a challenge.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may ease, and your earnings may convert into profits. Investing for a long-term period could be beneficial, and you may receive an overseas work order that could bring financial benefits in the future. You may also find your soulmate, and students may hear good news in their academics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may help you perform well in your professional front. You may implement your business plans easily with the help of your colleagues, and your intellectual and financial investments may start giving profits, which could increase your confidence level. You may also use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Your spiritual power may bring you happiness, and your positive thinking may lead you towards spiritualism. You may plan to visit a religious place and take interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views with you and discuss them only with those who may understand your feelings.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel nervous and lack patience, and for seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before making any decisions. You may also gain in-depth knowledge of a subject or focus well on your research. Chanting mantras may help you in this situation.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may help you improve your inner strength. You may receive new opportunities for your business and work, which could pay you gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth, and love birds are advised to be clear in their opinions to make their future bright.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors, and you may expect promotions. Money that was stuck may be recovered, increasing liquidity in your business. Good news may come in terms of legal matters, and many issues in partnerships are likely to be resolved.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may hear good news in terms of a job. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with hard work, and singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may also hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may plan to make a change in your current place, but it is advised to postpone any decisions related to migration. Avoid investing in business and by the late evening, the situation may be under control. With good advice from one of the elders, you may be able to control the messy situation.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may have good patience, and meditation may help increase your concentration, which will speed up your project.
Your subordinates may cooperate with you, and there may be some short travels related to work. You may likely meet an influential person who may help you boost your business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may spend money to buy some creative artefacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. Implementing new plans into your family business may pay you gains in the near future, and you may also be busy with family or social gatherings.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. Today, it is your challenge to avoid straightforwardness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics; otherwise, there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find a suitable job. Love birds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

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SOLUTIONS

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22 29 31
2 Feb 28 9 (10 leap yr)
3 Mar. 31 11
5 May 31 11
7 Jul 31 11
11 Nov 30 10
Total 52 days
53 days (leap)

RIDDLER A painting

BULL'S EYE
dented, dine, dined, ended, indeed, Index, INDEXED, need

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
Anger ventilated often hurtles towards forgiveness; anger concealed often hardens into revenge.

QUOTE UNCODE
8: each horizontal line contains one each of the three different left-hand, right-hand and middle portions.

SUDOKU

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4	9	7	1	5	6	8	3	2
8	2	6	9	3	4	5	7	1
9	3	8	5	2	7	6	1	4
6	4	1	3	8	9	2	5	7
7	5	2	4	6	1	3	9	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, DE, Red, Dear, Drape, Spared, Spreads.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 − 4 + 6 + 8 = 14
Medium
4 × 8 × 1 − 3 = 29
Hard
6 × 3 − 3 × 2 = 30

LOOP

KAKURO

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Unlock potential

Director Deepak Maduvanahalli is busy with the post-production work of his latest movie Unlock Raghava. After completing the shooting at locations in and around Chitradurga and Bengaluru, Deepak is now set to complete the dubbing of the movie.

"There are more than 15 actors in Unlock Raghava. I am trying to get 90% of the actors to attend dubbing so that their own voice is used for their characters in the movie.

Engaging dubbing artists is not a tall task but I want all the actors to dub for their parts. It should take about 15 days," said Deepak.

Milind of Weekend fame plays the lead while Rachel David is paired opposite Milind in this romantic comedy. "Milind plays an unemployed youth who has the talent of unlocking locks. He lives in a village near Chitradurga. He wants to train youths in his art. Rachel David plays an employee of the archaeology department. The hero happens to meet the heroine and tries to help her to solve a problem but ends up in a problem. How the hero comes out of it is the climax," the director said, adding that the movie has the potential to entertain class as well as mass audiences.

Avinash, Sadhu Kokila, Ramesh Bhat, Bhoomi Shetty are part of the cast of this movie which is expected to release in May or June.

Wearer of many hats

Vijay Kartheek Thota is joining the list of new directors with the movie AB Positive. Vijay has acted in movies such as Sedu, Melody, Snehada Darbar, and Rama Banta.

In AB Positive, he plays the lead role too. Suman Nagarkar of the movie Beladingala Baale fame plays a key role in AB Positive which is set to release in Kannada and Telugu in the first or last week of May.

"Initially, I wanted only to play the hero and another person was assigned to direct it but circumstances made me take up an additional responsibility – direction – for this movie," said Vijay.

He said a child's pitiable tale was the inspiration for him to write the script for this movie. "I do not want to reveal more about the child since it is the plot of the movie. Suman Nagarkar ma'am plays an important character in this movie," he said, adding that he wrote the screenplay and dialogues too.

Recently, the team released a song from the movie– Tiliyada Daari which has lyrics by Dr V Nagendra Prasad and is sung by Anirudh Shastry. Santosh Kumar has scored the music. The Telugu version of this song – Teliyani Daarilo - was sung by Rajasekhar Katlakunta and Rachita Rayaprolu. Aditi Rao, Rachana Dasarath, Rohit Shanmukappa, Asha Sujay, Sulaksha Kaira, Sandeep Gowda form the star cast of this movie.w

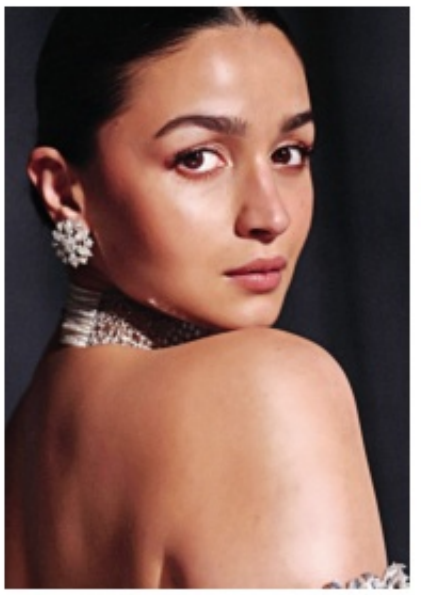
All her world

Sara Ali Khan reveals what her loved ones mean to her

One thing that Sara Ali Khan's Instagram feed proves is that she is very attached to her family, be it her mother Amrita Singh, brother Ibrahim Ali Khan, dad Saif Ali Khan or step-brothers Taimur and Jeh. The actresses recently revealed that she can't imagine a life without her loved ones.

In a chat with a news portal, Sara spoke about what scares her the most is the absence of loved ones from her life. She stated that visualising life without her mom to any degree is what scares her the most. Most often Amrita Singh is the reason to wake up and Sara can't not have that.

Also talking more about the advice her father Saif Ali Khan gave her, Sara stated that her father told her that if after reading a script she feels like doing a film, she should do and not ask someone else for their opinion. Because others would have their point of view, which may or may not match with what Sara thinks. She also added that her dad doesn't read her scripts or help her pick them. **–ETimes**



Set for Met

Alia Bhatt is all set to make her presence felt at the prestigious Met Gala this year. In the past, Bollywood beauties like Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone have graced the costume ball and impressed all with stunning looks.

Ahead of her Hollywood debut, Alia will make her presence felt at fashion's biggest night out, which is hosted on the first Monday of May every year. According to Elle news, the actress will wear a custom Prabal Gurung ensemble for the Met Gala carpet. The 2023 Met Gala theme is 'Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty', in honor of Karl Lagerfeld, who was a regular attendee at The Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute. This year, the event will take place on May 1.

Alia Bhatt shares the frame with Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan in 'Heart of Stone', which is touted to be an action entertainer. The actress was pregnant with her first child Raha, when she shot for this movie. The film is scheduled to hit the screens on August 11 and ahead of her big Hollywood debut, Alia plans to stun everyone with her style game.

–ETimes

'Healthy can look different'

Ariana Grande took to TikTok on Tuesday to shed light on her mental health, addressing recent comments about her body in a three-minute video.

"...I just wanted to address your concerns about my body, and talk a little bit about what it means to be a person with a body and to be seen and to be paid such close attention to," she began.

The Grammy-winning singer added, "There are many different ways to look healthy and beautiful. And personally, for me, the body that you've been comparing my current body to was the unhealthiest version of my body."

Sharing her past habits, the singer said, "I was on a lot of anti-depressants and drinking on them and eating poorly and at the lowest point of my life when I looked the way you consider my healthy, but that, in fact, wasn't my healthy.""Healthy can look different," continued Grande. **–IANS**

Turn up the heat

Khushi Kapoor sure knows how to make heads turn even whether it be for a casual summer outing or for a late-evening do

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